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SUBJECT: SOVIET AND EAST GERMAN COMPLAINTS ABOUT
DE GUIRINGAUD-GENSCHER MEETING IN BERLIN

BEGIN SUMMARY. BOTH THE EAST GERMANS AND THE SOVIETS
HAVE COMPLAINED TO THE FRENCH ABOUT GENSCHER'S PLAN
TO MEET DE GUIRINGAUD IN BERLIN ON JANUARY 20. THE
DEMARCHES, REMINISCENT OF GROMYKO'S
DEMARCHE TO THE SECRETARY IN MAY 1975, HAVE BEEN
REJECTED BY THE FRENCH. END SUMMARY.

1. FRENCH REP (BOISSIEU) INFORMED THE BONN GROUP ON
JANUARY 11 THAT OFFICERS FROM BOTH THE GDR EMBASSY
AND THE SOVIET EMBASSY HAD MADE WELL-COORDINATED
DEMARCHES TO PLAISANT IN PARIS ON JANUARY 7, INQUIRING
ABOUT REPORTS THAT DE GUIRINGAUD WOULD MEET GENSCHER
DURING HIS VISIT TO BERLIN AND EXPRESSING THEIR VIEWS
ON THE IMPROPRIETY OF SUCH A MEETING. PLAISANT
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INFORMED THE GDR OFFICIAL THAT THE FRENCH DID NOT
DISCUSS BERLIN MATTERS WITH THE GDR. TO THE SOVIET,
HE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT WHAT THE FRENCH DID IN
BERLIN WAS OF NO CONCERN TO THE SOVIETS.

2. ON JANUARY 10, BOISSIEU CONTINUED, THE SOVIETS
REOPENED THE ISSUE AT A HIGHER LEVEL WHEN THE MINISTER-

COUNSELOR CALLED ON ANDREANI. THE SOVIETS READ FROM A STATEMENT REFERRING TO FRG PRESS REPORTS THAT GENSCHER WOULD GO TO BERLIN DURING THE DE GUIRINGAUD VISIT. WHILE IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR THE SOVIETS TO JUDGE, THE STATEMENT SAID, WHETHER THE REPORTS SHOULD BE GIVEN CREDENCE OR WHETHER THE PROPOSED GENSCHER VISIT HAD FRENCH AGREEMENT, AND WHILE ADMITTING THAT THE REPORTS MIGHT ONLY BE SPECULATIVE, THE SOVIETS CONSIDERED IT NECESSARY TO NOTE, IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY FUTURE MIS-UNDERSTANDINGS, THAT FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE FRG TO ACCOMPANY THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER DURING AN OFFICIAL VISIT IN WEST BERLIN WOULD NOT BE COMPATIBLE WITH THE QA, AND ABOVE ALL WITH ITS PROVISIONS THAT THE WSB WERE NOT A PART OF THE FRG. THE COMPETENCE OF FEDERAL MINISTERS COULD NOT EXTEND TO TERRITORY WHICH WAS NOT A PART OF THE STRUCTURE OF THE FRG. IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT THE FRG INTENTION WAS TO WEAKEN THE COMPETENCE OF THOSE STATES SUCH AS FRANCE WHICH HAD PARTICULAR COMPETENCE WITH REGARD TO BERLIN. THE SOVIETS HOPED THE FRENCH WOULD TAKE STEPS NOT TO ALLOW THE PROPOSED GENSCHER VISIT TO OCCUR.

3. ANDREANI RESPONDED, ACCORDING TO BOISSIEU, THAT DE GUIRINGAUD WOULD GO TO BERLIN IN THE EXERCISE OF FRENCH RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND PURSUANT TO THE SUPREME AUTHORITY WHICH FRANCE SHARED IN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN. IT WAS NOT FOR THE SOVIET UNION TO WISH TO KNOW WHAT HE PROPOSED TO DO IN BERLIN.

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4. ANDREANI ADDED THAT A MATTER OF GREATER CONCERN WAS THE MEASURES RECENTLY TAKEN ON THE OTHER SIDE OF BERLIN, WHERE THERE APPEARED TO BE AN ATTEMPT TO CREATE A NEW FACTUAL SITUATION OF A NATURE THAT WOULD COMPLICATE THE SITUATION IN BERLIN AND WOULD HAVE SERIOUS REPERCUSSIONS ON FRENCH RELATIONS WITH THE GDR (SIC).
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